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Additional Documents or Information Not Listed on Accompanying Form PTO-1449 Submitted for Consideration

Search Report from European Patent Office dated June 28, 2001 in related European Patent application 01 10 2737.

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**Concise Statement of Relevancy
(Non-English Language Documents Only)**

All of the documents mentioned on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are mentioned in the European Search Report dated June 28, 2001.

JP-04-307693 relates to a sheet discriminating device having light sources that are alternately switched on.

Statement of Timeliness

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after three months from (i) the filing date of the above-identified U.S. National Patent application, or (ii) after three months from entry into the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified International Application, or (iii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the International Application that has been assigned the above-identified U.S. Patent application number, whichever applies; and after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, but prior to issuance of any Final Action, Notice of Allowance, or Action closing prosecution sent in such application. The certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is submitted separately or below, or the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

It will be noted that a Request for Continued Examination was filed on August 27, 2003 removing finality of the Final Office Action of May 27, 2003.

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It will be noted that U.S. Patent 5,304,813 was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement on Form PTO 1449 filed May 7, 2001, and U.S. Patent 4,587,434 was cited on the Form PTO 892 in the Office Action of October 17, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants presume that the Examiner already has copies of these references and such references are not listed on the Form PTO 1449 included herewith.

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Conclusion

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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U.S. Patent Documents

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	0660277	June 1995	EPO				
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